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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

Reference DE 203 01 618 has been cited in the German Search Report received in the corresponding priority German application and reference WO0174289 has been cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding PCT application. Both of these references are not in the English language. However, English language abstracts are attached. Therefore, Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and MPEP 609 a concise explanation of the non-English language information has been provided.

References DE 697 14 928, DE 697 05 791 and WO 03094822 have also been cited in the German Search Report of the corresponding German priority Application No. DE 20 2004 003 068.3. Reference DE 697 14 928 corresponds to US 6,224,563 which is listed on the enclosed form 1449. Reference DE 697 05 791 corresponds to EP 0 836 464, which is in the English language and a copy of which is attached. Reference WO 03094822 corresponds to US 2006/0155223 which is also listed on the enclosed form 1449.

This statement is being submitted prior to a first office action on the merits. While this statement contains all the relevant information presently known to the applicant, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Also, this statement should not be interpreted as a representation that

any cited reference is prior art, or that any cited reference is “material to patentability” as defined in 37 CFR §1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited reference to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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